

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace paragraph [0032] with the following amended version:

[0032] As suggested earlier herein, Figure 1B illustrates further advantages that can be realized by rotating, relative to conventional transceivers, the transceiver housing 120, as well as the TOSA 105, and ROSA 110 positions on the transceiver substrate 115. In particular, exemplary implementations of the optical transceiver module 100 are configured so that the optical port slots 120A are oriented downward, and the ROSA 110 and TOSA 105 are thus positioned above an imaginary plane [[300]] 130 passing through the transceiver substrate 115 at or near the midpoint of the transceiver substrate 115.